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my story," Taylor said.

The money is coming from the pockets of Don White and George Sorrentino, owners of the four Burger King restaurants in Reno and Sparks, and Bob Millinich, owner of the Carson City restaurant.

"We felt bad when it happened," White said. "I saw the disappointment in his face. We were concerned at that point and we started working on it that afternoon.

Several boycotts were being organized by teenagers upset because they're old enough to buy food at the restaurants, but not old enough to win money.

Taylor agreed with those sentiments. "I guess a rule is a rule," Taylor said, check in hand, "but I just think anybody should win if they're in here buying food."

The Rev. Taylor, pastor of the Greater New Hope Baptist Church and employee relations representative for Harolds Club, said the casino was in a commotion all Friday morning. He said he kept telling workers. "Let's not have a \$25,000 work stoppage just because my son lost \$5,000."

By Susan Voyles  
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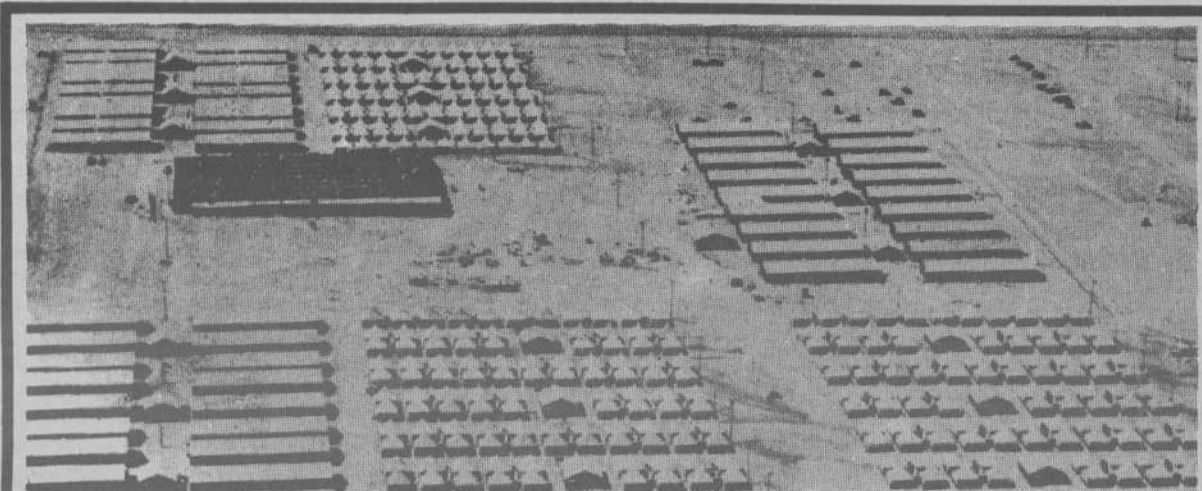
programs to celebrate black history month. They include:

"Brown Sugar," each Friday at 11:30 p.m.; actor Billy Dee Williams chronicles the lives and careers of renowned black female entertainers.

KUNR-FM, 88.7, will present "Reggae: The Beat of a Heart," a four-part music and interview exploration of reggae music and its legend Bob Marley. The programs air on successive Friday evenings at midnight through Feb. 28.

# Equal Opportunity In Employment? What Do You think?

By Roosevelt Fitzgerald



THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND, WATER AND POWER and a mild climate combined to attract Basic Magnesium Incorporated to this site halfway between Las Vegas and Boulder City in 1941. Soon red steel columns rose from the sage-covered sand which in 1942 were enclosed by asbestos-covered sheet-steel and concrete. Inside the buildings a fantastic assembly of fur-

naces, grinders, tanks, mixers, and countless other contraptions processed magnesium oxide into solid forms of wartime uses. Above are construction camps with dormitories, tents and commissary, while below access roads wind through shops and storage areas. Three of ten chlorine production units are at right.

An eminent scholar has written that there is a hierarchy of basic human needs. Among those are such things as food, shelter, self-esteem, companionship and self-actualization. Practically everyone would agree that there is a definite need for food. I say practically because, from time to time, there are some who see fit to fast and abstain from food. In those rare instances, for that period of time, there is no need for food. By the same token, there is a need for shelter -- from the elements. In some places shelter is required to a greater degree than others but, it is shelter nonetheless. No matter what the culture or civilization, there are standards. Among those is the need to feel

positive about oneself. Colloquially, it is stated that "if people want others to think well or respect them, then they must think well of and respect themselves." The small fortunes which most of us spend in order to bring about cosmetic changes is done to make ourselves more attractive to others. We need to have people, in general, like us. There is a greater need for that small intimate inner circle, whom we call our loved ones, to be ever in our collective corners. Last on the list is self-actualization.

Self-actualization comes in many forms. Whatever shape it is in it cannot be realistically attained until those others would have been met. It comes during and as a result of leisure

time. It might result in a painting, a poem, a piece of prose or music, jogging, playing tennis or simply meditating. These vary dependent upon whether those activities are being done as a means of support or simply enjoyment. A generally thought of leisure activity which is done for some kind of remuneration becomes merely a job. Whenever there is pressure to be successful, leisure is diminished. There is a need for simply enjoyment oriented activities -- things which are done for no purpose other than entertainment or creativity.

Enjoyment can be had anywhere. The ultimate can only be had in Las Vegas. No place in the world can rival Las Vegas for purely

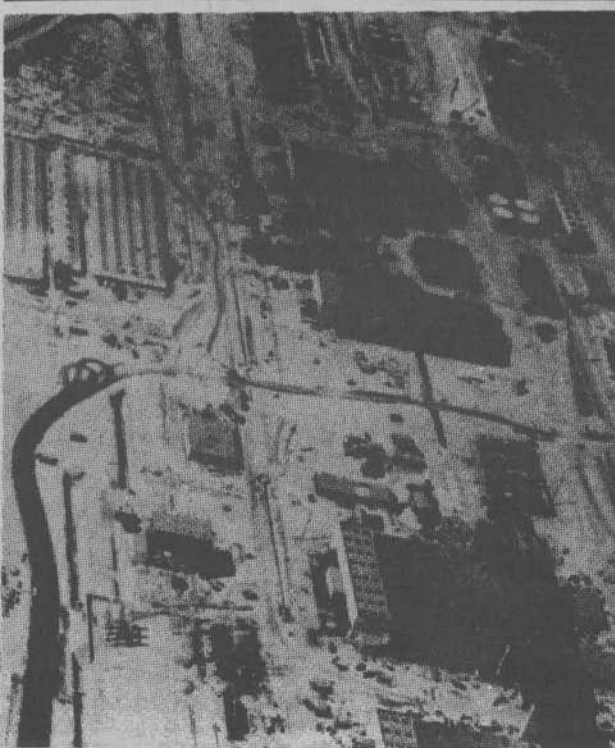
uninterrupted entertainment. It can be had on both spectator and participant levels by anyone who has the time, disposition, inclination and wherewithal to do so. It was not always that way.

A hundred years ago, where Las Vegas sits today, there could be found sand and sagebrush. The people

who live here were derogatorily referred to as "digger Indians" because food was so scarce that they were forced to dig for roots and whatever else they could find. In 1905, when the town was started, auctioneers and others predicted that one day "Las Vegas would be a prominent and prosperous city." Such optimism was hard to swallow in light of the fact that the only things which could be discerned from where they stood were a few tents -- one with hot beer, meandering burros and shimmering heat waves on the horizon.

Between 1905 and 1930, the town did grow though not at the rate in which it had been predicted. It started out as a frontier boom town where one might find prospectors, miners, land speculators and railroaders, loggers and builders. There were Blacks among them -- not many but, they were there. The early residents considered themselves pioneers and the pioneer spirit has persisted.

The first quarter century was fairly free of racial incidents. The smallest of numbers of racial minorities might have been the cause. Perhaps there were not enough of them to be a threat. It might have been more than that because during that same period of time, an early attempt to organize a chapter of the KKK met with rebuff from the "mayor, the constable, the fire chief and several other local citizens." The perpetrators were chased out of town. Later, however, during the early 1920s, there were Klan parades on Fremont Street but the



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